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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

1. Personnel has rewritten the provisional clearance notice per your suggestions which I represented in a memo of 16 June. I talked further on the matter with [redacted] who did the rewrite suggesting incorporation and substitution where possible in paragraph 2 a. of the grade level idea. This has not been done in this section, but it has been done in paragraph 4 where it was most necessary.

2. There is a definite probability of questions arising from this notice having to do with Personnel's announced "custody" (IAS) of all personnel of grade 6 and below on provisional clearance, (paragraph 5). DD/I may be expected to bring in GS-5s and 6s from time to time and they may wish to assign them to unclassified projects at the Library of Congress for example. Personnel is prepared to go along with such moves without objection.

3. One final point which should be noted. Paragraph 5 is to me a rather confusing combination of professional and technical grade 6 and below jargon. It could be construed as evidence that you consider grade 7 as true indicator re professional and technical job status and this I believe would be unfortunate and disturbing to many employees.

4. In my opinion, points which I have raised in my 2nd and 3rd paragraphs make this notice unacceptable. If paragraph 5 of the proposed notice were changed to read as follows, I would recommend your approval:

5. During the period of provisional clearance, the office which requested appointment of a provisionally cleared employee of grade GS-7 or above will be responsible for providing a work assignment under proper supervision in accordance with the provisions outlined in paragraph 1 above.

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Personnel on provisional clearance in grade GS-6 or below will normally be assigned to the Office of Personnel for work on unclassified projects while awaiting full clearance. In the event that an office requesting appointment of a provisionally cleared employee of grade GS-6 or below wishes to assume responsibility for providing a work assignment under proper supervision, in accordance with the provisions outlined in paragraph 1 above, a direct assignment to the office may be made.

5. I suggest that you instruct me to negotiate the changes suggested with the Director of Personnel if my recommendations are acceptable and you approve of the balance of the notice.

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